



BUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL HEALTH MONITORING GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES

At Busan Foreign School we take everyone's safety seriously. We realize families entrust us with their children, and we feel honored for that trust.

As we transition to a "living with Covid" status quo, we believe each one of us bears responsibility for keeping our community safe.

BASICS

The best defense against illness continues to be respiratory hygiene and increased education efforts in our school community.

- Frequently wash hands.
- Wear a HEPA filtered mask.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Our teachers frequently remind children of the above and your support with this is crucial!

A summary of our current enhanced safety protocols in place on campus can be found on the following [link](#).

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

BFS is required to keep vaccination records for its students. We ask our families to keep this information up to date through the [BFS FACS/Renweb parent portal](#).

1. Please log in as a parent (our district code is "BFS-KOR"), and select "Web Forms".
2. Then select the "Covid-19 Vaccination Information" form.
3. Fill in the form and upload your vaccination certificate.

Please note:

- If your child is unvaccinated please select: "Non vaccinated"
- If you have had a booster shot, we ask that you include the booster shot date in the latest date of the "Both doses taken".
- We can only accept vaccination certificates approved by the KCDA. Therefore, foreign vaccinations must be registered with a local health center.

Here are the instructions for how to register a foreign vaccination with the KCDA:
<https://kr.usembassy.gov/120921-message-for-u-s-citizens-korea-vaccination/>

Who is Fully Vaccinated?

Fully vaccinated is defined as:



- 17 years old and below: considered fully vaccinated by KDCA after the second shot (or first if Janssen) even if 180 days have passed without a booster shot.
- 18 years old and above: a booster shot must be administered after 14 days and within 180 days of the second shot to be considered fully vaccinated.

SICKNESS

If your child is unwell or experiences a Covid-19 symptom, we recommend you have them take a RAT Covid-19 test. If negative, they are welcome at school. Please note children should be fever-free for three (3) days before returning to school.

COVID-19 symptoms include the following: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, pneumonia as well as fatigue, loss of appetite, phlegm, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc), confusion, dizziness, runny nose, stuffy nose, hemoptysis, chest pain, conjunctivitis (pink eye) and dermatological conditions (skin problems).

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

A confirmed positive, regardless of vaccination status, will have to quarantine for a minimum of 7 days (from the test date). The student will be allowed to attend school after being released from quarantine.

Please share a copy of your quarantine release papers with our school nurse, Hyun Suk Kim, at hskim@bfs.or.kr.

LEARNING DURING QUARANTINE

Teachers under Quarantine

Should a teacher become exposed to the Covid-19 virus, the same protocols as explained above regarding quarantine and testing will apply.

If the teachers' health allows, they will continue to support their classes and students. This could take the form of online learning via Zoom, or through asynchronous assignments via Google Classroom, Seesaw or Bloomz. The BFS Administration along with the teacher will decide based on the affected class and students the best learning model.

We understand that in the case of MS & HS this might mean some students taking both in-person and virtual classes on campus, and will ensure supervision as needed.



Students under Quarantine

Learning at BFS does not stop when students are at home, or placed under quarantine. Students unable to attend in-person class will be expected, to the best of their ability, to submit any assignments or virtually connect to classes as instructed by their teachers.

Please note that the school reserves the right to move instruction to virtual learning in a single class based on absenteeism due to Covid-19.